



1 What is claimed is:

2 1. A method for transmitting and capturing information of a future program whose  
3 preview is currently being broadcast between regular programs comprising:

4 a television;

5 a remote control;

6 a preview for a future program;

7 program information for said future program;

8 sending means that transmits said program information, comprising closed caption text;

9 indicating means for indicating that said program information is being transmitted,  
10 comprising a special mark displayed on said television;

11 saving means for directing said television to save said program information in case that  
12 a viewer chooses to watch, comprising a saving button on said remote control;

13 reviewing means that displays a list of chosen programs, comprising a reviewing  
14 button on said remote control;

15 alerting means that alerts viewers to a chosen program when it is about to be  
16 broadcast;and

17 updating means that changes operations that is to be operated on said chosen programs.

18 2. The method in accordance with claim 1 wherein said program information comprises a  
19 local time of a television station that is broadcasting said preview, a title of said future  
20 program, a broadcasting date of said future program, a broadcasting time of said future  
21 program, a channel number of said future program, description of said future program,  
22 and duration of said future program.

23 3. The method in accordance with claim 1 wherein said alerting means comprises audio  
24 signal which alerts viewers aurally, video signal which alerts viewers visually,  
25 automatic turn-on means which turns on said television automatically when it is turned

off, and automatic turn-off means which turns off said television in case that there is no pushing activity of said remote control for a certain duration of time after said television is automatically turned on.

4. The method in accordance with claim 1 wherein said updating means comprises selecting means which selects a program from said chosen programs comprising volume up and down buttons on said remote control, periodic watching toggling means which toggles a periodic watching option for a program of said chosen programs comprising a recalling button on said remote control, and deleting means which delete a program from said chosen programs comprising a delete button on said remote control.

5. A method for transmitting and capturing information of a future program whose preview is currently being broadcast between regular programs comprising:

a television;

a remote control;

a preview for a future program;

program information for said future program;

sending means that transmits said program information, comprising closed caption text;

indicating means for indicating that said program information is being transmitted,

comprising a special mark displayed on said television;

saving means for directing said television to save said program information in case that

a viewer chooses to watch, comprising a saving button on said remote control;

reviewing means that displays a list of chosen programs, comprising a reviewing

button on said remote control;

alerting means that alerts viewers to a chosen program when it is about to be broadcast;

updating means that changes operations that is to be operated on said chosen

programs;and

recording means.

- 1 6. The method in accordance with claim 5 wherein said program information comprises a  
2 local time of a television station that is broadcasting said preview, a title of said future  
3 program, a broadcasting date of said future program, a broadcasting time of said future  
4 program, a channel number of said future program, description of said future program,  
5 and duration of said future program.
- 6 7. The method in accordance with claim 5 wherein said alerting means comprises audio  
7 signal which alerts viewers aurally, video signal which alerts viewers visually,  
8 automatic turn-on means which turns on said television automatically when it is turned  
9 off, and automatic turn-off means which turns off said television in case that there is no  
10 pushing activity of said remote control for a certain duration of time after said television  
11 is automatically turned on.
- 12 8. The method in accordance with claim 5 wherein said updating means comprises  
13 selecting means which selects a program from said chosen programs comprising  
14 volume up and down buttons on said remote control, deleting means which delete a  
15 program from said chosen programs comprising a deleting button on said remote  
16 control, periodic watching toggling means which toggles a periodic watching option for  
17 a program of said chosen programs comprising a recalling button on said remote  
18 control, and recording toggling means which toggles a recording option for a program  
19 of said chosen programs comprising an entering button on said remote control.
- 20 9. The method in accordance with claim 5 wherein said recording means comprises video  
21 and audio codec, control units and a hard drive.
- 22 10. A method for transmitting and capturing information of a future program which is  
23 currently being advertised while another program is being broadcast comprising:

1 a television;  
2 a remote control;  
3 textual advertisement for a future program, which is currently being displayed on said  
4 television while another program is being broadcast;  
5 program information for said future program;  
6 sending means that transmits said program information, comprising closed caption text;  
7 indicating means for indicating that said program information is being transmitted,  
8 comprising a special mark displayed on said television;  
9 saving means for directing said television to save said program information in case that  
10 a viewer chooses to watch, comprising a saving button on said remote control;  
11 reviewing means that displays a list of chosen programs, comprising a reviewing  
12 button on said remote control;  
13 alerting means that alerts viewers to a chosen program when it is about to be  
14 broadcast;and  
15 updating means that changes operations that is to be operated on said chosen programs.

16 11. The method in accordance with claim 10 wherein said textual advertisement comprises a  
17 title of said future program, a broadcasting time of said future program, and a brief  
18 description of said future program.

19 12. The method in accordance with claim 10 wherein said program information comprises a  
20 local time of a television station that is broadcasting said textual advertisement, a title of  
21 said future program, a broadcasting date of said future program, a broadcasting time of  
22 said future program, a channel number of said future program, description of said  
23 future program, and duration of said future program.

24 13. The method in accordance with claim 10 wherein said alerting means comprises audio  
25 signal which alerts viewers aurally, video signal which alerts viewers visually,  
26 automatic turn-on means which turns on said television automatically when it is turned

1 off, and automatic turn-off means which turns off said television in case that there is no  
2 pushing activity of said remote control for a certain duration of time after said television  
3 is automatically turned on.

4 14. The method in accordance with claim 10 wherein said updating means comprises  
5 selecting means which selects a program from said chosen programs comprising  
6 volume up and down buttons on said remote control, periodic watching toggling means  
7 which toggles a periodic watching option for a program of said chosen programs  
8 comprising a recalling button on said remote control, and deleting means which delete a  
9 program from said chosen programs comprising a delete button on said remote control.

10 15. A method for transmitting and capturing information of a plurality of future programs  
11 which are currently being advertised while another program is being broadcast  
12 comprising:

13 a television;

14 a remote control;

15 textual advertisement for a plurality of future programs, which is currently being  
16 displayed on said television while another program is being broadcast;

17 program information for said future programs;

18 sending means that transmits said program information, comprising closed caption text;

19 indicating means for indicating that said program information is being transmitted,  
20 comprising a special mark displayed on said television;

21 saving means for directing said television to save said program information of some of  
22 said future programs that a viewer chooses to watch;

23 reviewing means that displays a list of chosen programs, comprising a reviewing  
24 button on said remote control;

25 alerting means that alerts viewers to a chosen program when it is about to be broadcast;

1 updating means that changes operations that is to be operated on said chosen  
2 programs;and  
3 recording means.

4 16. The method in accordance with claim 15 wherein said textual advertisement comprises  
5 titles of said future programs and broadcasting times of said future programs.

6 17. The method in accordance with claim 15 wherein said program information comprises a  
7 local time of a television station that is broadcasting said textual advertisement, titles of  
8 said future programs, broadcasting dates of said future programs, broadcasting times of  
9 said future programs, channel numbers of said future programs, description of said  
10 future programs, and duration of said future programs.

11 18. The method in accordance with claim 15 wherein said saving means comprises a saving  
12 button on said remote control which activates selection mode, numerical buttons to  
13 select a program from said future programs when said selection mode is activated, and  
14 an exit button to exit said selection mode.

15 19. The method in accordance with claim 15 wherein said alerting means comprises audio  
16 signal which alerts viewers aurally, video signal which alerts viewers visually,  
17 automatic turn-on means which turns on said television automatically when it is turned  
18 off, and automatic turn-off means which turns off said television in case that there is no  
19 pushing activity of said remote control for a certain duration of time after said television  
20 is automatically turned on.

21 20. The method in accordance with claim 15 wherein said updating means comprises  
22 selecting means which selects a program from said chosen programs comprising  
23 volume up and down buttons on said remote control, deleting means which delete a  
24 program from said chosen programs comprising a deleting button on said remote

1 control, periodic watching toggling means which toggles a periodic watching option for  
2 a program of said chosen programs comprising a recalling button on said remote  
3 control, and recording toggling means which toggles a recording option for a program  
4 of said chosen programs comprising an entering button on said remote control.

5 21. The method in accordance with claim 15 wherein said recording means comprises video  
6 and audio codec, control units and a hard drive.

7 22. A method for transmitting and capturing information of a plurality of future programs  
8 which are currently being advertised comprising:

9 a television;

10 a remote control;

11 textual advertisement for a plurality of future programs, which is currently being  
12 broadcast on said television;

13 program information for said future programs;

14 sending means that transmits said program information, comprising closed caption text;

15 indicating means for indicating that said program information is being transmitted,  
16 comprising a special mark displayed on said television;

17 saving means for directing said television to save said program information of some of  
18 said future programs that a viewer chooses to watch;

19 reviewing means that displays a list of chosen programs, comprising a reviewing  
20 button on said remote control;

21 alerting means that alerts viewers to a chosen program when it is about to be broadcast;

22 updating means that changes operations that is to be operated on said chosen  
23 programs;and

24 recording means.

1 23. The method in accordance with claim 22 wherein said textual advertisement comprises  
2 titles of said future programs and broadcasting times of said future programs.

3 24. The method in accordance with claim 22 wherein said program information comprises a  
4 local time of a television station that is broadcasting said textual advertisement, titles of  
5 said future programs, broadcasting dates of said future programs, broadcasting times of  
6 said future programs, channel numbers of said future programs, description of said  
7 future programs, and duration of said future programs.

8 25. The method in accordance with claim 22 wherein said saving means comprises a saving  
9 button on said remote control which activates selection mode, numerical buttons to  
10 select a program from said future programs when said selection mode is activated, and  
11 an exit button to exit said selection mode.

12 26. The method in accordance with claim 22 wherein said alerting means comprises audio  
13 signal which alerts viewers aurally, video signal which alerts viewers visually,  
14 automatic turn-on means which turns on said television automatically when it is turned  
15 off, and automatic turn-off means which turns off said television in case that there is no  
16 pushing activity of said remote control for a certain duration of time after said television  
17 is automatically turned on.

18 27. The method in accordance with claim 22 wherein said updating means comprises  
19 selecting means which selects a program from said chosen programs comprising  
20 volume up and down buttons on said remote control, deleting means which delete a  
21 program from said chosen programs comprising a deleting button on said remote  
22 control, periodic watching toggling means which toggles a periodic watching option for  
23 a program of said chosen programs comprising a recalling button on said remote  
24 control, and recording toggling means which toggles a recording option for a program  
25 of said chosen programs comprising an entering button on said remote control.



- 1 28. The method in accordance with claim 22 wherein said recording means comprises video  
2 and audio codec, control units and a hard drive.



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